# PSAT/NMSQT®

# 2014-2015 COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES

SUMMARY REPORT

**Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test** 

### **ALABAMA**

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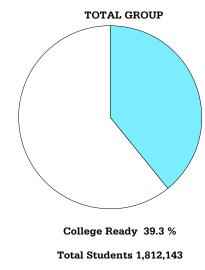
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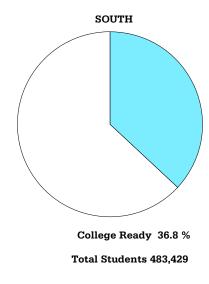
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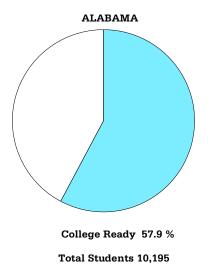
#### FIGURE 1: ON TRACK TO BE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

The PSAT/NMSQT College Readiness Benchmark represents the score that a student should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready (for more information about benchmarks, check out www.collegeboard.org/results). The pie charts below show the percentage of students in the nation, your region, and your state who have met the PSAT/NMSQT composite score benchmark (142 for juniors and 133 for sophomores).

Use this information in combination with the optional Student Data File CD to identify students who may need extra support or who may be ready for more rigorous course work. In addition, PSAT/NMSOT Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS) reports can help you target skills to improve with aggregate skills feedback.









#### TABLE 1: NUMBER OF SOPHOMORES TAKING THE PSAT/NMSOT®

	TOTAL (	TOTAL GROUP		UTH	ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number Percent	
Male	880,810	48.9	235,674	49.0	4,573 45.0	
Female	922,187	51.1	245,208	51.0	5,595 55.0	
No Response	9,146		2,547		27	
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		10,195	

#### **TABLE 2: ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

	TOTAL GROUP		so	UTH	ALABAMA
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	15,790	0.9	2,718	0.6	61 0.6
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander	138,953	8.2	21,199	4.7	461 4.6
Black or African American	253,986	15.0	111,519	24.5	1,690 16.9
Hispanic, Latino, or Latin American	405,117	23.9	73,690	16.2	379 3.8
White	812,556	48.0	229,614	50.4	7,186 71.8
Other	66,728	3.9	16,472	3.6	230 2.3
No Response	119,013		28,217		188

#### TABLE 3: PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE®

	TOTAL G	ROUP	S	OUTH	ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number Percent	
Yes	1,500,432	82.8	404,899	83.8	9,269 90.9	
No	311,711	17.2	78,530	16.2	926 9.1	

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**TABLE 4: SELF-REPORTED GRADE AVERAGE** 

	TOTAL C	ROUP	sc	SOUTH		ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
A+ (97-100)	65,579	4.0	18,443	4.3	743	7.5	
A (93-96)	322,403	19.9	84,696	19.5	3,055	31.0	
A- (90-92)	303,457	18.7	75,809	17.5	2,212	22.4	
B+ (87-89)	280,346	17.3	76,884	17.7	1,446	14.7	
B (83-86)	271,296	16.7	75,978	17.5	1,245	12.6	
B- (80-82)	147,307	9.1	40,244	9.3	546	5.5	
C+ (77-79)	112,011	6.9	31,126	7.2	307	3.1	
C (73-76)	72,748	4.5	19,487	4.5	204	2.1	
C- (70-72)	27,431	1.7	6,688	1.5	67	0.7	
D+ (67-69)	9,944	0.6	2,133	0.5	19	0.2	
D (65-66)	7,054	0.4	1,342	0.3	9	0.1	
E or F (Below 65)	3,687	0.2	750	0.2	6	0.1	
No Response	188,880		49,849		336		

#### TABLE 5: YEAR COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE

	TOTAL G	ROUP	so	DUTH	ALABAMA
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number Percent
2015	2,940	0.2	724	0.2	2 0.0
2016	36,486	2.1	10,916	2.4	54 0.5
2017	1,628,214	94.0	436,666	94.1	9,949 98.3
After 2017	48,794	2.8	11,619	2.5	99 1.0
Not Planning College	15,809	0.9	4,150	0.9	22 0.2
No Response	79,900		19,354		69

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TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL G	ROUP	so	SOUTH		ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
75-80	3,071	0.2	604	0.1	17	0.2	
70-74	14,263	0.8	3,255	0.7	131	1.3	
65-69	22,611	1.2	5,414	1.1	188	1.8	
60-64	75,582	4.2	19,541	4.0	759	7.4	
55-59	104,347	5.8	26,571	5.5	932	9.1	
50-54	222,376	12.3	58,386	12.1	1,959	19.2	
45-49	245,015	13.5	63,602	13.2	1,861	18.3	
40-44	347,511	19.2	94,556	19.6	1,953	19.2	
35-39	321,251	17.7	88,198	18.2	1,281	12.6	
30-34	236,884	13.1	63,989	13.2	661	6.5	
25-29	143,005	7.9	39,409	8.2	275	2.7	
20-24	76,227	4.2	19,904	4.1	178	1.7	
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		10,195		
Mean Score	42.1		41.9		46.7		
STD. DEV.	10.6		10.5		9.9		

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#### **MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL G	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
75-80	8,247	0.5	1,376	0.3	59	0.6	
70-74	15,111	0.8	2,705	0.6	107	1.0	
65-69	49,192	2.7	10,325	2.1	355	3.5	
60-64	71,822	4.0	15,869	3.3	594	5.8	
55-59	141,770	7.8	34,267	7.1	1,058	10.4	
50-54	214,315	11.8	53,582	11.1	1,610	15.8	
45-49	323,711	17.9	85,337	17.7	2,253	22.1	
40-44	271,903	15.0	73,340	15.2	1,483	14.5	
35-39	341,545	18.8	97,299	20.1	1,495	14.7	
30-34	191,547	10.6	55,519	11.5	647	6.3	
25-29	121,254	6.7	35,442	7.3	375	3.7	
20-24	61,726	3.4	18,368	3.8	159	1.6	
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		10,195		
Mean Score	43.4		42.5		46.6		
STD. DEV.	11.1		10.8		10.6		

#### WRITING SKILLS

	TOTAL O	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
75-80	2,797	0.2	544	0.1	19	0.2	
70-74	9,575	0.5	2,492	0.5	106	1.0	
65-69	24,949	1.4	5,911	1.2	253	2.5	
60-64	42,832	2.4	10,654	2.2	395	3.9	
55-59	108,401	6.0	27,161	5.6	1,075	10.5	
50-54	144,708	8.0	36,090	7.5	1,352	13.3	
45-49	258,971	14.3	65,571	13.6	2,081	20.4	
40-44	291,803	16.1	76,581	15.8	1,853	18.2	
35-39	373,535	20.6	102,195	21.1	1,739	17.1	
30-34	243,627	13.4	68,445	14.2	702	6.9	
25-29	161,462	8.9	45,140	9.3	338	3.3	
20-24	149,483	8.2	42,645	8.8	282	2.8	
TOTAL	1,812,143		483,429		10,195		
Mean Score	40.1		39.6		45.2		
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		10.3		

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TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - MALE - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL G	ROUP	so	SOUTH		ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
75-80	1,561	0.2	302	0.1	10	0.2	
70-74	7,312	0.8	1,665	0.7	62	1.4	
65-69	11,170	1.3	2,719	1.2	85	1.9	
60-64	36,710	4.2	9,446	4.0	376	8.2	
55-59	48,178	5.5	12,260	5.2	422	9.2	
50-54	99,907	11.3	25,717	10.9	801	17.5	
45-49	109,558	12.4	28,432	12.1	787	17.2	
40-44	159,674	18.1	43,421	18.4	811	17.7	
35-39	156,430	17.8	43,298	18.4	585	12.8	
30-34	125,386	14.2	34,270	14.5	347	7.6	
25-29	80,229	9.1	22,280	9.5	168	3.7	
20-24	44,695	5.1	11,864	5.0	119	2.6	
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		4,573		
Mean Score	41.4		41.1		46.2		
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.7		10.6		

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#### **MALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL C	ROUP	so	SOUTH		ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
75-80	5,699	0.6	979	0.4	42	0.9	
70-74	9,805	1.1	1,810	0.8	73	1.6	
65-69	30,402	3.5	6,457	2.7	240	5.2	
60-64	41,199	4.7	9,283	3.9	333	7.3	
55-59	75,499	8.6	18,497	7.8	559	12.2	
50-54	105,200	11.9	26,532	11.3	697	15.2	
45-49	150,974	17.1	39,993	17.0	891	19.5	
40-44	122,770	13.9	33,381	14.2	613	13.4	
35-39	155,059	17.6	44,469	18.9	594	13.0	
30-34	90,792	10.3	26,490	11.2	285	6.2	
25-29	60,551	6.9	17,920	7.6	160	3.5	
20-24	32,860	3.7	9,863	4.2	86	1.9	
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		4,573		
Mean Score	44.0		42.9		47.8		
STD. DEV.	11.7		11.4		11.4		

#### **MALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL G	TOTAL GROUP		SOUTH		ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
75-80	1,164	0.1	226	0.1	9	0.2	
70-74	3,739	0.4	952	0.4	45	1.0	
65-69	9,851	1.1	2,265	1.0	92	2.0	
60-64	17,417	2.0	4,224	1.8	144	3.1	
55-59	44,825	5.1	11,143	4.7	446	9.8	
50-54	62,243	7.1	15,397	6.5	549	12.0	
45-49	114,963	13.1	28,662	12.2	893	19.5	
40-44	134,229	15.2	34,836	14.8	804	17.6	
35-39	181,434	20.6	49,573	21.0	849	18.6	
30-34	128,702	14.6	36,308	15.4	370	8.1	
25-29	92,100	10.5	26,077	11.1	183	4.0	
20-24	90,143	10.2	26,011	11.0	189	4.1	
TOTAL	880,810		235,674		4,573		
Mean Score	38.9		38.3		44.0		
STD. DEV.	10.9		10.8		10.6		

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TABLE 6: PSAT/NMSQT® SCORES - FEMALE - CRITICAL READING

	TOTAL G	ROUP	so	SOUTH		ALABAMA	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
75-80	1,504	0.2	301	0.1	7	0.1	
70-74	6,917	0.8	1,585	0.6	69	1.2	
65-69	11,394	1.2	2,686	1.1	102	1.8	
60-64	38,678	4.2	10,057	4.1	382	6.8	
55-59	55,901	6.1	14,243	5.8	508	9.1	
50-54	121,826	13.2	32,515	13.3	1,157	20.7	
45-49	134,547	14.6	34,916	14.2	1,073	19.2	
40-44	186,303	20.2	50,693	20.7	1,133	20.3	
35-39	163,036	17.7	44,357	18.1	692	12.4	
30-34	109,823	11.9	29,240	11.9	312	5.6	
25-29	61,495	6.7	16,783	6.8	104	1.9	
20-24	30,763	3.3	7,832	3.2	56	1.0	
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		5,595		
Mean Score	42.8		42.6		47.1		
STD. DEV.	10.3		10.1		9.3		

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#### **FEMALE - MATHEMATICS**

	TOTAL GROUP		so	OUTH	ALABA	ALABAMA		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
75-80	2,536	0.3	396	0.2	17	0.3		
70-74	5,279	0.6	892	0.4	34	0.6		
65-69	18,673	2.0	3,843	1.6	115	2.1		
60-64	30,451	3.3	6,555	2.7	261	4.7		
55-59	65,935	7.1	15,699	6.4	496	8.9		
50-54	108,425	11.8	26,886	11.0	913	16.3		
45-49	171,513	18.6	45,000	18.4	1,358	24.3		
40-44	147,879	16.0	39,607	16.2	867	15.5		
35-39	184,475	20.0	52,236	21.3	895	16.0		
30-34	99,247	10.8	28,575	11.7	357	6.4		
25-29	59,568	6.5	17,188	7.0	209	3.7		
20-24	28,206	3.1	8,331	3.4	73	1.3		
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		5,595			
Mean Score	42.9		42.1		45.7			
STD. DEV.	10.5		10.2		9.7			

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#### **FEMALE - WRITING SKILLS**

	TOTAL GROUP		S	OUTH	ALABA	ALABAMA		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
75-80	1,628	0.2	318	0.1	10	0.2		
70-74	5,822	0.6	1,536	0.6	60	1.1		
65-69	15,046	1.6	3,640	1.5	161	2.9		
60-64	25,333	2.7	6,407	2.6	250	4.5		
55-59	63,308	6.9	15,948	6.5	628	11.2		
50-54	82,052	8.9	20,601	8.4	802	14.3		
45-49	143,184	15.5	36,702	15.0	1,186	21.2		
40-44	156,325	17.0	41,389	16.9	1,045	18.7		
35-39	190,234	20.6	52,072	21.2	884	15.8		
30-34	113,254	12.3	31,670	12.9	328	5.9		
25-29	68,039	7.4	18,681	7.6	152	2.7		
20-24	57,962	6.3	16,244	6.6	89	1.6		
TOTAL	922,187		245,208		5,595			
Mean Score	41.3		40.9		46.2			
STD. DEV.	10.8		10.7		9.9			

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**TABLE 7: COLLEGE MAJOR** 

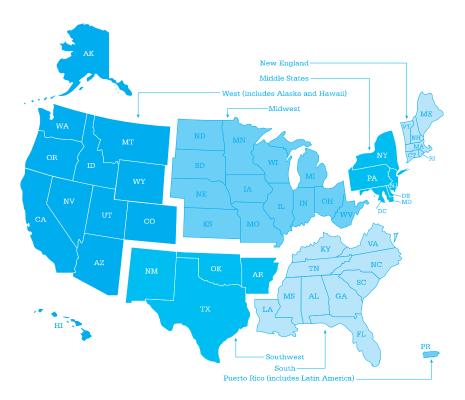
	TOTAL GROUP				SOUTH			ALABAMA		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Agriculture Sciences	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.8	0.9	
Architecture	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.4	2.3	0.7	1.4	2.5	0.6	
Area/Ethnic/Cultural Studies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	
Biological Sciences	5.1	4.0	6.1	5.0	3.9	5.9	5.1	3.6	6.3	
Business Management	7.5	8.9	6.2	7.3	8.7	6.0	6.5	8.5	4.9	
Communication & Journalism	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.1	2.1	
Computer/Information Science	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.7	5.0	0.6	2.3	4.7	0.4	
Education	2.8	0.8	4.6	2.7	0.7	4.6	3.7	0.9	6.0	
Engineering	10.9	19.6	3.0	10.4	19.0	2.6	12.9	23.9	3.9	
Engineering Technologies	1.8	3.4	0.4	1.9	3.5	0.4	1.6	3.1	0.4	
English Language & Literature	1.0	0.4	1.6	0.9	0.4	1.4	1.3	0.5	2.0	
Family/Consumer Sciences	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	
Foreign Languages	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	
Health Professions/Sciences	17.7	9.0	25.5	19.9	10.1	28.9	25.2	13.4	34.9	
History	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	
Legal Professions & Studies	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.8	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.9	
Liberal Arts & Humanities	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	
Mathematics & Statistics	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	
Military Technologies	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.3	2.0	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.2	
Multi/Interdisciplinary	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.9	
Natural Resources	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.2	
Parks, Leisure & Fitness Studies	1.1	2.0	0.4	1.4	2.6	0.4	1.1	2.0	0.4	
Personal & Culinary Services	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	
Philosophy/Religious Studies	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	
Physical Sciences	1.3	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	0.7	1.4	2.0	0.9	
Psychology	3.5	1.4	5.3	3.5	1.5	5.3	3.2	1.4	4.7	
Social Service Professions	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.6	
Security/Protective Services	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	
Social Sciences	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.0	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.6	
Theology/Religious Vocations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	
Visual & Performing Arts	9.4	7.2	11.3	10.1	8.0	12.0	8.1	6.1	9.8	
Other	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.7	2.3	2.4	2.1	
Undecided	12.9	14.0	12.0	10.3	11.6	9.0	9.2	10.6	8.1	
NUMBER RESPONDING	1,576,191			429,411			9,842			

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